



## **NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Northumberland Hills Hospital Flag at Half-Mast in Memory of Community Mental Health Case Manager, Jessica McFayden Ferguson**

#### **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, May 24, 2022—**

It is with great sadness that Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is flying its Canadian flag at half-mast today, May 24, in honour of a respected colleague and friend, Jessica McFayden Ferguson who passed away last week.

A devoted mother and daughter, Jessica, who was affectionally known to her clients and colleagues as 'Jess,' was a Case Manager and valued member of NHH's Community Mental Health Services team since 2017.

Jess will be remembered by her colleagues for having an incredible sense of humour matched evenly by an ability to connect people through the happiness she exuded every day.

Jennifer Cox, NHH's Vice President of Integrated Care, spoke about Jess's impact on the organization, saying "Jessica was a force of positivity and the utmost example of teamwork. She embodied the values of respect, integrity, and compassion. Jessica found a passion working on our Community Mental Health team and caring for this underserved population. The wonderful impact of knowing Jess will be felt by all members of our Community Mental Health team and by so many individuals and their loved ones in our community."

Deepest sympathy is extended from everyone at NHH to Jess's parents, children and friends. Memories and condolences may be shared via the [online obituary here](#). A celebration of life will follow at a later date.

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**About Northumberland Hills Hospital** – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope,

Alderville First Nation and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs more than 700 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East)—formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network—and the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland. For more information, please visit [nhh.ca](http://nhh.ca) or follow us on Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp) or Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).